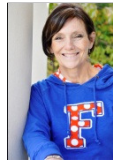




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Message from BPW/GA President...



Greetings to all,

Thanks to the Dalton Gang for a great Northern District meeting where we had some ladies who had never run for office before step up and run.

Rhonda Green was elected as the Director with yours truly serving as her Vice Director.

At the Southern District meeting Toni Davis, Director led a great meeting as well with two great workshops!

Don't forget to put November 11th & 12th on your calendar for Fall Board which will be held at the Fairfield Inn and Suites in Warner Robins.

The meeting will be a one day meeting beginning at 10AM for those who can't make it in on Friday evening. We will have something fun planned for those who can. More details to follow as they develop.

Please continue to remember Lib as she continues to heal from her burns earlier in the summer. Also, our deepest sympathies go to Virginia with the sudden passing of her mother.

We also have other members facing surgeries and other health problems that we want to remember as well.

Serving with honor,

Sandra Boyett, President

The Official Call to the 3rd Annual Fall Board Meeting of the Georgia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc.

to be held at

Fairfield Inn and Suites
221 Margie Dr

Warner Robins GA 31088

478-953-4200

November 12, 2011

By virtue of the power vested in me as President of the Georgia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc., I do hereby Call the Third Annual State Fall Board to meet at Fairfield Inn and Suites on November 12, 2011.

The following shall constitute the Board of Directors:

The Executive Committee
Chairs of Standing Committees

Presidents of Local Organizations or their duly appointed
representatives

The Editor of Georgiana

Chair of Board of Trustees of the Rosebud McCormick
Foundation

Custodian/Historian

Chair of the Nominating Committee

District Directors

Immediate Past State President

Each Board Member is expected to attend, and all members and Guests of the Federation are invited to attend.

Purpose

The Purpose of the Fall Board Meeting is to plan and further the work of the Georgia Federation.

Orientation

As Orientation Chair, I have had the honor this past year to select two Georgia Federation members as Legends of Distinction.

I chose ladies that I felt exemplified their journey as young business and professional women in their professions.

The first Legend of Distinction was Margaret Johnson. Miss Margaret was a third grade school teacher in Thomaston, Georgia who captured the hearts and minds of her students. She excelled as a teacher and as a church and community leader. Additionally she was very active in numerous civic organizations including our Georgia Federation.

The second Legend of Distinction is Gladys Woodruff. Gladys worked in the personal office at the U S Army Recruiting Command at the Atlanta Army Depot. One of her responsibilities was to look after Andersonville National Cemetery Personnel, a responsibility she enjoyed. A widow for 51 years, Ms. Gladys raised her three sons and worked every day. Her faith in the Lord and her tenacity carried her through. A member of Southside Baptist Church, she has been the treasurer for 41 years. Ms. Gladys has been a member of the Spaulding County "Pink Ladies" for 29 years. Additionally, she crochets baby blankets for Project Linus, "Providing Security through Blankets." Ms. Gladys joined the Griffin BPW in 1971 and continues to be an active member. Born August 26, 1917, Ms. Gladys was born before BPW began. Her birthday is actually Women's Equality Day. Her life has been a witness to the struggle of women everywhere, who are working for equality.

Ms. Gladys has faced adversity during her lifetime, through her struggle of raising her sons and caring for her family as a single parent. She credits God as her Master and is thankful for her support system of good friends, BPW members and precious church members.

In the workplace, Ms. Gladys witnessed the struggles of women determined to make ends meet for their families. My hat is off to you, my special. You are a Legend of Distinction.

The Georgia Federation would like to acknowledge and pay tribute to Ms. Gladys Woodruff's 40 years of active membership at the age of 94. She definitely exemplifies the words of our Collect, "Put into actions our better impulses, straight forward and unafraid. Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences, that in the big thing of life we are at one."

Gladys was presented with a plaque and a vase of yellow roses acknowledging her age and years of active BPW membership.

Judy Heath, Orientation Chair



Gladys Woodruff is shown holding the plaque presented to her as Legend of Distinction. The picture on the right shows Gladys holding the yellow roses presented by Judy Heath, Orientation Chair.

Membership Report

It has been a few months since I last reported about membership in BPW. Looking back at the State Conference membership numbers, we had 89 at the time of the presentation. With that being said, MANY members were in the process of lapsing within the month. I am proud to announce that as of September 16, 2011 our state-wide counts are up to 93! When other organizations are faltering, BPW/GA is on the rise with its membership! I am so proud of all of you, but "Mama Membership" wants to be prouder! Here is the breakdown across the state: Atlanta has 3 paid, Brunswick has 8 paid, Canton/Cherokee has 8 paid, Cartersville has 6 paid, Dalton has 13 paid, Decatur has 5 paid, Griffin has 10 paid, Lawrenceville/Gwinnett has 12 paid, Rossville has 11 paid, and Warner Robins has 17 paid! At the same time, Atlanta, Canton/Cherokee, Dalton and Lawrenceville/Gwinnett are soon to lose 8 members if dues are not paid. I have been notified that all members close to lapsing should have received invoices by the time you read this article.

I challenge each local membership chair to contact the state treasurer and see how their local is doing and which members need to pay their dues since we do not want to lose 8 members! We have to stay informed about our current membership and keep these members in this great group! As your state membership chair, I am proud to announce that when I started this job, we were at 78 members, so we are doing are job. My personal goal is to be at 100 paid members by Fall Board in Warner Robins! Please feel free to contact me at any time, my information will be published at the end of this article.

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Northern District Officers

Director: Rhonda Green
Vice Director: Sandra Boyett
Member State Nominating Committee: Barbara Cooke
Alternate State Nominating Committee: Melinda O'Neill
Chair District Nominating Committee: Georgia Craig
Members of District Nom. Comm.: Rita Gray, Quida Spencer
Alternates District Nominating Committee: Annette Looney

Southern District Officers

Director: Toni Davis

Vice Director: Kathryn Lane

Member State Nominating Committee: Debra Bowlden

Alternate State Nominating Committee: Misty Holtz

Chair District Nominating Committee: Gladys Woodruff

Members of District Nominating Committee: Lib Branhart & Nancy Kwiatkowski



Southern District Members elected to serve are left to right: Debra Bowlden, Misty Holtz, Gladys Woodruff, Toni Davis, Kathryn Lane and Nancy Kwiatkowski.

Southern District Meeting, 2011

The Southern District meeting took place in Warner Robins on September 10, 2011 under beautiful sunny skies. With the underlying patriotic theme, the evaluations proved that coming to this meeting was a total success! Our greetings were brought to us by Lieutenant Wayne Nelson from the Warner Robins Fire Department. With all three local organizations in attendance, we had both credentials and registration reports reflecting a total of 21 people attending and 10 voting members. Knowing that this is a meeting with all members around the state being eligible to attend, this District Director was pleased to announce that 7 attendees consisted of members and guests. What a potential pool of prospective members!! The Southern District now boasts a membership of about 35 members and growing.

The body was treated to two speakers focusing on "Defending Yourself." Captain Lisa Angell of the Warner Robins Police Department spoke about "Defending Yourself Physically" and Sherri Goss from the Rosenberg Financial Group spoke about "Defending Yourself Financially." Again, based on the evaluations, another success!!!

The Rosebud McCormick Foundation held its annual district fundraiser with Annette Hall winning the \$50 cash prize, Annette Looney winning the donated crystal bowl and Kathi Stockton winning the mystery gift!! Ask her what it was the next time you see her!

Brunswick had graciously offered to host the 2012 Southern District meeting. So until, next year in Brunswick have a safe and fulfilled life.

Toni S. Davis, Southern District Director 2011

Rosebud McCormick Web Site Update

At the last meeting of the Rosebud McCormick Foundation, Griffin Web Design was accepted as the web designers for this new web site. Many aspects of the Foundation are being updated during this web site "birth." Our hopes are to have

links on that web site consisting of The History of the Foundation, the current Board of Directors with their short bio's, the new scholarship application, testimonials from former winners and a contribution/memorial set up for donations using PayPal.

Although the web site is totally funded for the purpose of the Foundation, a by-product could possibly be potential members and increased visibility to the BPW federation.

Tentative Fall Board Schedule

Saturday, November 12, 2011

9:00 – 10:00 AM	Registration
9:00 – 2:00 PM	Exhibitors
10:00 – 11:45 AM	First Business Session
12:00 – 1:00 PM	Lunch Buffet – Self Serve
1:00 – 2:00 PM	Second Business Session
2:00 – 3:00 PM	Workshop

Special Information for the Fall Board Meeting

Official Call: Please announce the Official Call to the Fall Board Meeting at each local organization meeting and each district meeting to allow the members and prospective members to make every effort to attend. Also, contact members who are not present at these meetings.

Registration: A registration form is enclosed. Please duplicate as needed for those who are planning to attend. The deadline to register with the State Treasurer is **October 28, 2011**. You must be a member in good standing, as determined by the Georgia Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs, Inc. membership roster to be eligible to vote at the meeting.

Lodging: Lodging reservations must be made directly with Fairfield Inn and Suites, 221 Margie Dr. Warner Robins 478-953-4200. Remember to specify that you are a member of the Georgia Federation of Business and Professional Women to receive the room rate of \$99.00 for king and \$104 for two queens. For 10 or more rooms, the rate will be \$89.00 for king and \$94.00 for two queens. The hotel is off Exit 146 (GA-247 Centerville/Warner Robins) off Interstate 75. Going toward Centerville Margie Drive will be 3.2 miles and the hotel will be on the right.

Exhibitors Request for Space

The exhibit tables will be open from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM.

All exhibitors must register, including local organization and state committees by October 28, 2011. Submit this completed request form along with check payable to

GA/BPW to: P. Evelyn Merk, Treasurer

293 Peachtree Circle, Warner Robins, GA 31088

There is limited space for exhibits; therefore, space will be available on a "first-come, first-serve" basis. GA Federation fundraisers will have priority over all other exhibitors.

Please check the appropriate fee category:

Non-Members \$50.00 _____

Members \$25.00 _____

Local Org. \$15.00 _____

State Fundraisers \$ 0.00 _____

Type of Exhibit _____

Name of Exhibitor _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____

Fax _____

E-mail _____

Date of Request _____

Amount enclosed \$ _____

Time and Place Report

To: All Local Organizations

From: Judy Hulsey, Chair Time and Place Committee

2012 State Conference – Rossville

2012 Fall Board

2013 State Conference - Rossville

2013 Fall Board

Please submit your bid by October 28, 2011 to:

Judy Hulsey

Chair Time and Place Committee

436 Hugh Deems Rd.

Cedartown, GA 30125

Local Organization _____

Would like to host the _____
(year) (event)

Submitted by:

Name _____

Address _____

Home _____ Work Phone _____

Fax _____ E-mail _____

Griffin BPW

Griffin BPW was suffering with its membership just like everyone else. Thoughts of just "coasting along" were mentioned and that was not what I wanted to hear. So with the help of the daughter of Hester Handley, Past State President, June Handley started to save newspapers for me. Every meeting, I would get two plastic sacks full of papers to look at when I had some time. Those reading sessions would allow me to write down about 5-7 names of women that worked! As I have time, I gather their work information from the yellow pages and try to talk to them about BPW. All of them are so honored that I would contact them! I have not met most of them but my list is 30 people strong and 5 have joined since May, 2011. In May, we had an active membership of 5 and now we are at 10, not bad for less than 4 months!!!! We range from 1-3 prospective members each time and they bring in such enthusiasm... Even some of the perennial members are saying that we need more community focus, what a blessing! Griffin will continue to work on membership for this upcoming year in hopes of achieving 15 by the end of the year! We are a source to be reckoned with, at this point! See you in Warner Robins at Fall Board.

Toni S. Davis, Griffin BPW President

Make plans to attend

Fall Board!

November 12, 2011